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Dear Mr. Caplin:

I was much gratified to receive the letter of 11 February 1965 from you, Mr. Pittman, and Mr. Wales commenting on our early retirement regulations. I note that you are all of the opinion that the proposed regulations, as revised, are consistent with the letter and the purpose of the legislation.

I am informed that there is much hidden in the little phrase "as revised," and the revisions in question are the result of your questions and suggestions. I am also informed that these revisions, in the opinion of our staff officers concerned, are valuable contributions to our program. I know that such questions and suggestions do not come easily but are the result of deep study and hard work. I, therefore, wish to express my deep appreciation for the contribution you have thereby rendered. As you know, we consider this early retirement program to be most important to the long-time, orderly administration of the Agency, and it is, therefore, absolutely necessary to get it started on the right basis. With your valuable help I think this is being done.

Please also extend my appreciation to your associate, Mr. Robert H. Elliott, who I understand has been most helpful throughout this review.

Sincerely,

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